Broad Gauge Railway Line

4061. SHRI TARACHAND BHAGORA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the scheme for laying broad gauge railway line between Ajmer and Udaipur has been started;

(b) if so, the work included in the first phase of the scheme;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay in this regard;

(d) whether the Government propose to convert the Udaipur-Ahamedabad via Dungarpur-Himmat Nagar Rail line into broad gauge in future under this scheme; and

(e) if so, the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c) It has been decided to take up Gauge Conversion between Ajmer and Udaipur after obtaining the necessary clearances and approvals for which action has already been initiated.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

[English]

Railway Hospital, Katni

4062. SHRI DADA BABURAO PRANJPE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railway Hospital, Katni of Madhya Pradesh is without any basic amenities viz. No Heart specialist, Child specialist, Surgical Doctor, Medicine Doctor, Lady Doctor and even the patients of small illness are referred/sent to Jabalpur; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the condition of Hospital and to check the exploitation of patients by the Medical staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Allotment of Stalls

4063. SHRI SHIJUBHAI GAMIT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of book stalls and refreshment stalls at present, Zone-wise; and

(b) the number out of them allotted to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Sabha.

[English]

Extension of Railway Line

4064. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to extend the Taranga railway line to Ambaji under the Western Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Constraint of resources.

Central Fishery Research Project

4065. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether efforts are being made to shift the Central Fishery Research Project at Burla in Orissa to Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether shifting of the institution is going against the interests of the people of Orissa; and